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## FACING FACTS
### BAY AREA STUDY

One of the most interesting meetings in Congregational circles that has taken place for many years, was held on Feb. at the First Congregational Church in San Francisco. It was participated in by members of the Conference Board of Directors and by pastors and lay people of a large number of the churches of the metropolitan Bay Area. Its purpose was carefully to consider the facts regarding the progress, or lack of it, of our churches in the light of the study made some two years ago by H. Paul Douglass and his associates.

The facts were presented and interpreted by Rev. Robert W. Inglis, of Oakland; Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, of Martinez; Rev. Sidney Buckham, of San Mateo; Superintendent Harley H. Gill, Field Secretary Wm. W. Meyer, and by Mr. Peirce Coombes, chairman of the Conference Board of Directors, who presided. The number of churches that had been closed, the few that had been organized, the decline in Sunday School enrollment, and the small gains in membership, in comparison with the increase of population, were all faced frankly.

Two recommendations were adopted by unanimous vote:

1. That the Conference Board of Directors take steps toward the securing of additional member of the staff for the purpose of uncovering new opportunities and starting of new churches, and the counselling with pastors and members of our weaker churches, and

2. That the chairman appoint a committee of ten to follow up the thinking of this meeting with further appropriate recommendations.

## BAY ASSOCIATION
### ELECTS OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the Bay Association was held in the First Congregational Church, of San Francisco, the evening of Feb. 6th.

Mrs. R. A. Fuller, of San Francisco, was elected moderator; Rev. Richard C. Norberg, of Hayward, vice moderator; Rev. Ernest Houlding, assistant registrar. Rev. Huber Burr, the registrar, holds office one year more.

The credentials committee, as now constituted, will consist of Rev. Holland Burr, Rev. Frank Carlson, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Rev. J. Ford Forsyth. The Board of Directors will consist of Rev. Haroutune Kartozian, Rev. Fred Morrow, Mrs. James Kirk, Mr. Scott Haymond, Rev. Herbert Dimock.

Mr. J. W. Payne, of the Thursday Evening group of the First Church, conducted devotional service, and Prof. Jack Finegan, of Pacific School of Religion, gave the address. Rev. Robert W. Inglis, moderator, presided.

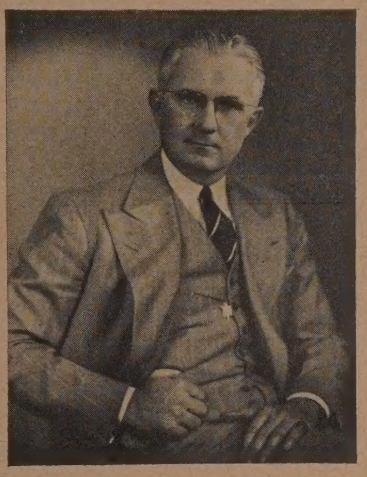
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**February 13-14 — Conference on Church and Race at San Mateo.**
**February 16-18 — Conference on Church and Race at Fresno.**
**February 21-22 — Conference on Church and Race at Oroville.**
**March 3—Laymen's dinner, Tulare.**
**March 4—Laymen's dinner, Stockton.**
**March 5—Laymen's dinner, Fresno.**
**March 7—Laymen's dinner, Sacramento.**
**March 9—Laymen's School of Churchmanship, Pacific School of Religion.**
**April 6—Easter.**

# School of Churchmanship

Plans are practically complete for the Layman's School of Churchmanship, to be held at the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, on Sunday, March 9. It will open at 9:30 in the morning with registration. Pres. Ronald Bridges, who has been one of the national leaders in our layman's movement, will give the opening address.

Mr. Walter A. Graham, the recently elected executive director of the Layman's Fellowship, will speak on "The Church as a Hobby." Superintendent Harley H. Gill will give a review of the strength and weaknesses of our Congregational work in this area, and the opportunities that confront us.



**Walter a Graham, Executive Director of the Layman's Fellowship, who is to make his initial visit to our Northern California Conference the first week in March. Mr. Graham is an attorney, licensed to practice before the principal courts of the United States, including the Supreme Court. He has been active in young adult work and layman's work. He is an able speaker and completely devoted to the work of the church.**

Field Secretary W. W. Meyer will report on the status of the proposed union with the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Dinner will be served at the Whittier Public School, at Virginia and Milvia Streets. In the afternoon there will be four discussion groups under competent and expert leadership, one for trustees and treasurers, one for deacons, one for youth leaders, and a general group led by Mr. Graham on layman's work. The closing address will be delivered by Rev. Robert W. Inglis, of Plymouth Church, Oakland.

Mr. Harold T. Avery, Chairman of the Layman's Commission, will preside. Reservations for the dinner (Price, $1.00) should be sent to Mr. George B. Martin, Chairman of Arrangements, 26 Kingston Road, Berkeley (8).

**NOTICE!**

**During a period of staff readjustment churches and Sunday Schools will favor the Conference office by ordering supplies directly from Pilgrim Press.**

# OUR GIVING SUMMARY FOR 1946

As this issue goes to press it is still impossible to give an accurate report for the year 1946 of the giving of our Northern California churches to the various benevolent enterprises and funds of our fellowship, but herewith are figures that are not far wrong.

Through our own treasury there came for regular budgeted apportionment to support our regular work and to care for the special postwar needs of the Boards and the Conference the sum of **$64,382.48.** This includes the women's Thank Offering of $3,790.16, and gifts from Pilgrim Fellowship for their projects of $1,189.18. The total is a gain of $13,259.42 or 25.9 per cent over 1945. (The urgent needs of our fellowship had suggested to us the goal of a gain of 40 per cent.) The distribution of this $64,382.48 was as follows:

**For the American Board (Foreign Missions)** ..... **$14,057.06**
(This was a gain of $3,090.09 for the year)
**For the Board of Home Missions and Council for Social Action** ..... **$15,565.78**
(This was a gain of $3,672.31 for the year)
**For our State Conference, State Home Missions, and Ministerial Relief** ..... **$34,759.64**
(This was a gain of $6,497.02)

It is too early to have the grand totals of apportionment giving but we know of $3,563.12 that went directly to the American Board, $760.73 to the Board of Home Missions and the C.S.A., and $5,329.94 through the National German treasury, so the Year Book will show something like **$74,130.00.**

In addition to this was the great victory of our giving to C.W.V.R., our churches going away beyond the original quota and exceeding the new and enlarged goal suggested to us. Gifts totaling $47,236.00 during this one year have gone through our treasury, through the National German treasury, and directly to the office of C.W.V.R.

The Christmas Fund for our aged ministers was not overlooked. Northern California Congregationalists sent in $2,128.10 for that worthy purpose.

The Unit Plan, under the very able leadership of N. F. Sanderson, brought $7,205.00 during the year. (Incidentally, our total since the autumn of 1942, when the Unit Plan was launched, has reached $26,786.46.)

The grand total of our giving to apportionment, War Emergency, Unit Plan, and Christmas Fund is above $130,000.00.

At Cleveland totals showed that C.W.V.R. had reached its goal for the Nation with $1,280,000.00, Unit Plan for the year stood at $178,600.00, and the Christmas Fund, $105,647.00. The regular apportionment figures will probably bring the total to above $5,000,000.00.

All of the above makes us happy, but, when we remember how wonderfully blessed we have been with the good things of life and when we remember how millions of God's children, our own brothers and sisters, and little helpless children, are suffering for the lack of the barest necessities of life, all that we have done seems very small and ineffective. One returns from meetings like the one at Cleveland with the conviction that our affairs are in the hands of people who are not only efficient in administration but who are motivated by a sense of stewardship, and who make the gifts that are entrusted to them go as far as possible in the meeting of human need, both physical and spiritual.

The second year of the Postwar Emergency Program is already upon us. As the war itself fades from our attention and even our memory, and as the accounts of human suffering are reiterated a thousand times it will be all too easy for us to become indifferent, perhaps even callous. God grant that our hearts may be kept tender, our interest in the welfare of others lively, and our consecration to the cause of Christ deepened and enlarged. It is a glorious fellowship that we have and God has entrusted us with great opportunities.

## LAYMEN TO MEET
### WALTER GRAHAM

Laymen of many of the churches of the San Joaquin and Sacramento Valleys will have the opportunity of meeting and hearing the new Executive Director of our national Layman's Fellowship, Mr. Walter A. Graham. There will be meetings in four centers. At each place in the afternoon, beginning about 5 o'clock, laymen will gather for informal discussion. Dinner will be served, followed by an address by Mr. Graham. His schedule will be as follows:

Tulare—First Congregational Church, Monday, March 3.
Stockton—First Congregational Church, Tuesday, March 4.
Fresno—First Congregational Church, Wednesday, March 5.
Sacramento — Pioneer Congregational Church, Friday, March 7.

The laymen of churches in the vicinities of the four churches above named are being invited by the men and the ministers of the host churches. The men in the Bay area will have the opportunity to meet and hear from Graham at the School of Churchmanship, at the Pacific School of Religion on March 9th.

## CHANGE OF TREASURER

**On January 14 the Conference Board regretfully accepted the resignation of Mr. K. C. Kinney as treasurer. The resignation was made necessary by Mr. Kinney's having accepted a position in the East Bay. He has served faithfully and efficiently as a treasurer, and also as a member of the Finance committee.**

**Pacific is happy to announce the election of Mr. W. V. Howe as the new treasurer and member of the Finance Committee. Mr. Howe has been a very active member and the treasurer of the Alameda church for a quarter of a century. He is affiliated with the firm of Sommer & Kaufmann, of San Francisco.**

**Church treasurers should, therefore, take note that hereafter all checks should be made either to Northern California Congregational Conference, or to W. V. Howe, Treasurer, and mailed to the Conference office, 1164 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco 2.**

**The Pacific makes its sincere apologies to a number of churches that sent news notes, which have been crowded out. Our copy had to be sent piecemeal and before we knew it the space was filled.**

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## FINAL REPORT

The story of benevolence giving for the year 1946 insofar as the Conference treasury can report it, appears below. Gifts sent directly to the treasurers of national organizations are not included. For a more complete summary please see the double column article on page one. The gain in apportionment giving, which includes a portion of the Postwar Emergency Program, is not as large as was hoped for. It is partly explained by the fact that some churches did not get the end-of-the-year remittances in in time to be credited for 1946.

| | Jan.11,'45 to Jan.10,'46 App't. | Jan.11,'46 to Jan.10,'47 App't. | C.W.V.R. 1947 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Adin | $ 62.86 | $ 43.47 | $ 51.29 |
| Alameda | 1,080.31 | 1,575.49 | 978.26 |
| Alturas | 128.29 | 178.64 | 163.67 |
| Angels Camp | 180.80 | 243.66 | 251.86 |
| Antioch | 148.90 | 99.67 | ..... |
| Auburn | 155.50 | 196.85 | 206.00 |
| Benicia | 230.00 | 258.00 | 219.56 |
| Berkeley— | | | |
| Arlington | 130.21 | 128.84 | 216.22 |
| Chinese | 50.00 | 50.00 | 63.81 |
| First | 6,971.96 | 9,607.74 | 4,993.76 |
| North | 930.54 | 1,079.05 | 617.57 |
| Northbrae | 334.50 | ..... | 85.00 |
| South Community | 662.28 | 596.78 | 136.02 |
| *Biola | 23.84 | 24.72 | 100.00 |
| Campbell | 357.00 | 476.00 | 160.20 |
| Cedarville | 100.00 | 135.00 | ..... |
| Cloverdale | 159.14 | 90.84 | 3.00 |
| Cotati | 104.12 | 155.46 | 35.00 |
| Crockett | 100.00 | 88.07 | 47.98 |
| *Dinuba | .57 | .60 | ..... |
| *Elk Grove | 129.40 | 121.64 | 120.00 |
| Etna | 20.00 | 10.14 | ..... |
| Eureka | 600.00 | 834.17 | 702.76 |
| Fairfax | 192.14 | 82.95 | ..... |
| Ferndale | 460.50 | 513.33 | 447.07 |
| Fowler | 50.00 | 75.00 | ..... |
| Fresno— | | | |
| First | 1,266.48 | 1,468.33 | 1,102.30 |
| * Free Cross | 128.00 | 225.00 | ..... |
| Pilgrim | 414.62 | 665.00 | 157.87 |
| * Zion | 185.00 | 32.00 | ..... |
| Glen Ellen | 82.50 | 180.00 | 250.00 |
| Grass Valley | ..... | 50.00 | ..... |
| Guerneville | 111.82 | 105.27 | 178.15 |
| Hayward | 300.00 | 343.33 | 418.21 |
| Kenwood | 24.06 | 19.25 | 47.20 |
| Lodi— | | | |
| * Ebenezer | 25.04 | 78.80 | 2,015.64 |
| First | 2,798.96 | 5,492.13 | 5,320.50 |
| Loleta | 97.41 | 8.62 | ..... |
| Loomis | 250.18 | 402.00 | 40.05 |
| Martinez | 604.69 | 1,375.01 | 740.43 |
| Murphys | 83.40 | 99.50 | 24.06 |
| Niles | 100.00 | 68.17 | 177.24 |
| Oakland— | | | |
| Bethany | 50.00 | 50.00 | ..... |
| First | 5,350.00 | 6,264.40 | 1,326.62 |
| Fruitvale | 70.27 | 125.44 | 79.00 |
| Japanese | 15.00 | 33.33 | 12.05 |
| Pilgrim | 101.44 | 180.24 | 204.35 |
| Plymouth | 1,632.20 | 2,071.36 | 248.74 |
| Orinda | 246.80 | 438.40 | 219.20 |
| Oroville | 500.67 | 959.95 | 500.40 |
| Pacific Grove | 467.06 | 362.10 | ..... |
| Palo Alto | 1,425.00 | 1,640.00 | 600.00 |
| Paradise | 299.06 | 420.00 | 13.71 |
| Parlier | ..... | 25.00 | ..... |
| Penngrove | 111.40 | 36.82 | 41.26 |
| Pescadero | 10.00 | 2.00 | 84.01 |
| Petaluma | 930.25 | 1,283.34 | ..... |
| Pittsburg | 342.76 | 352.77 | 92.10 |
| Port Chicago | 92.34 | 91.27 | 81.50 |
| Porterville | 825.00 | 1,128.33 | 989.67 |
| Redwood City | 923.11 | 905.85 | 373.99 |
| Reedley | 25.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Rio Vista | 220.00 | 256.40 | 84.60 |
| Ripon | 326.26 | 410.81 | 243.95 |
| Sacramento— | | | |
| First | 1,000.00 | 1,550.00 | 1,010.00 |
| Sierra Arden | ..... | 45.49 | ..... |
| Salida | 168.00 | 61.66 | 63.00 |
| San Carlos | 250.20 | 380.20 | 180.35 |
| San Francisco— | | | |
| Calvary | 30.00 | 42.00 | 15.00 |
| Chinese | 30.00 | 166.00 | 30.00 |
| First | 1,462.20 | 2,050.67 | 371.30 |
| Grace United | 407.35 | 444.78 | 104.43 |
| Ocean View | 116.15 | 112.33 | 48.10 |
| Park Presidio | 248.15 | 279.99 | 167.00 |
| *Sanger | 12.96 | 14.08 | 247.32 |
| San Jose | 1,000.00 | 1,083.52 | 700.00 |
| San Leandro | 246.84 | 218.81 | 406.00 |
| San Lorenzo | ..... | ..... | 50.00 |
| San Mateo | 1,420.95 | 1,624.25 | 59.00 |
| San Rafael | 89.00 | 42.55 | ..... |
| Santa Cruz | 898.30 | 1,015.00 | 232.00 |
| Santa Rosa | 186.20 | 319.44 | 35.00 |
| Saratoga | 848.27 | 1,077.17 | 177.84 |
| Sebastopol | 406.69 | 497.72 | 210.75 |
| Sonoma | 155.14 | 306.41 | 258.73 |
| Soquel | 209.00 | 127.88 | 139.30 |
| Stockton | 924.04 | 936.66 | 576.22 |
| Suisun | 157.13 | 166.54 | 117.20 |
| Sunnyvale | 85.31 | 111.79 | ..... |
| Sunol | 25.00 | 25.00 | ..... |
| Tulare | 913.92 | 1,072.44 | ..... |
| Weaverville | 150.00 | 210.00 | 145.36 |
| Woodside | 85.80 | 70.93 | 103.73 |
| Reno, Nevada | 652.54 | 1,006.49 | 339.99 |
| Miscellaneous, including Thank Offering and Individual Gifts | 5,145.28 | 5,106.35 | 2,725.98 |
| | $51,123.06 | $64,382.48 | $33,779.51 |

* The figures set forth above opposite the names of our German churches are for the amounts sent through the Conference treasury only. A number of the churches sent the bulk of their money through the National German treasury, as is indicated below.

## GERMAN CHURCHES GAIN

The treasurer of the National German Conference has forwarded a church-by-church list of the giving of our German churches to regular budgeted apportionment and C.W.V.R. It should be understood that these items are in addition to the amounts appearing in the above columns as having come through the Conference treasury. They are as follows:

| | 1945 | 1946 | C.W.V.R. 1946 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Biola | $ 550.00 | $ 605.00 | $ 55.00 |
| Dinuba | 255.00 | 306.00 | 300.00 |
| Elk Grove | 178.50 | 162.18 | ..... |
| Fresno, Free Cross | 1,028.27 | 1,375.98 | 890.70 |
| Fresno, Zion | 510.00 | 793.56 | 83.15 |
| Lodi, Ebenezer | 878.87 | 1,046.59 | ..... |
| Sanger | 279.89 | 337.25 | 330.61 |
| | | | $1,659.46 |

In addition there were gifts from individuals of $206.56, making a total, including gifts to the Conference, of $5,329.94. In addition, the German churches have certain projects of their own including the School of Theology, missions in South America, Yankton College, and their own National Conference. To these special projects they gave $4,644.00.

It will be noted that gifts to the C.W.V.R. from Biola, Elk Grove, Lodi Ebenezer, and Sanger, amounting to $2,482.96, came through the Conference treasury. Gifts from individuals and organizations to C.W.V.R. not credited to churches amounted to $1,499.77. It thus appears that our German-speaking churches contributed to C.W.V.R. more than $5,600.00.

Therefore, the gifts to the regular apportionment, to their own special projects, and to the C.W.V.R., make a grand total of $15,574.00 from these seven churches.

## HISTORICAL MAP AVAILABLE

A beautiful map of the United States, in five colors, richly illustrated, and giving a graphic history of our churches, has been prepared by the Missions Council and is now available. Great care in preparation has been made by the artist, following months of research on material. It is lithographed and will make an attractive addition to the wall of a home, church, or office. It is 40 by 30 inches in size. It will bear endless study as it records the history of our fellowship from a mere handful of Pilgrims to more than 6000 churches with over a million members. The price per copy is $3.00. The maps may be ordered through the Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco 2.

# SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

Summer Camps at Congregational Cazadero for 1947, as released by the Young People's Work Committee:

| | |
|---|---|
| June 14-21—Central and San Joaquin P.F. | Rev. Maurice de Vries |
| June 21-28—Westbay Area P.F. | Rev. Bob Carlson |
| June 28-July 5—Redwood Area P.F. | Rev. Jim Senter |
| July 5-12—Upperbay Area P.F. | Rev. Elmo Wolfe |
| July 12-19—Family Camp No. 1 | Rev. Fred Morrow |
| July 19-26—Family Camp No. 2 | Rev. Henry Warber |
| July 26-August 2—Junior High No. 1 | Rev. George Tolson |
| August 9-16—Eastbay Area P.F. | Rev. Dick Norberg |
| August 16-23—Junior High No. 2 | Mr. Le Roy Smith |
| August 23-30—State P.F. Camp | Rev. Art Casaday |
| August 30-Sept. 6—Student Camp | Rev. Ford Forsyth |

## All Hail! All Hail!

The Thank Offering from the women's groups of our churches has come to be not only a means of blessing to the women themselves but a very significant financial help to the Conference and the Boards. At the beginning of the year it was decided not to set a higher goal in money, but to try for 100 per cent participation. The church by church report that follows indicates that there was a slight reduction in the total amount raised and there were four churches fewer that participated in 1946 than the previous year, but the showing is altogether splendid and the amounts actually pledged for the different projects were exceeded.

Thus the commitment to the American Board for the Vadala Rural Mission in India, to the Board of Home Missions for Ryder Memorial Hospital, to the Council for Social Action for Legislative Work in Washington, and to the Conference for Children's Work at Grace United and for the South Berkeley Community Church were all exceeded. The Thank Offering is not credited to the local church, but it is all included in the item "Miscellaneous and Individual Gifts." The following list, however, will indicate the sources of the total amount.

| | 1945 | 1946 |
|---|---|---|
| Alameda | $ 86.00 | $ 75.00 |
| Angels Camp | 17.31 | 23.20 |
| Antioch | 65.34 | 33.72 |
| Auburn | 17.90 | 35.10 |
| benicia | 52.55 | 25.79 |
| berkeley, Arlington | 18.29 | 18.16 |
| First | 162.00 | 193.13 |
| North | 59.50 | 52.47 |
| South Community | 57.16 | 69.00 |
| Campbell | 45.00 | 54.92 |
| Cloverdale | 8.00 | 15.00 |
| Cotati | 45.00 | 30.00 |
| Eureka | 60.63 | 65.20 |
| Ferndale | 29.50 | 24.75 |
| Fresno, First | 154.17 | 106.68 |
| Pilgrim | 80.00 | 45.12 |
| Hayward | 35.00 | 70.00 |
| Lodi, First | 99.04 | 97.08 |
| Loomis | 27.05 | ..... |
| Martinez | 65.00 | 57.00 |
| Murphy | 5.43 | ..... |
| Oakland, Bethany Armenian | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| First | 515.10 | 422.00 |
| Fruitvale | 41.45 | 25.60 |
| Pilgrim | 5.00 | 16.45 |
| Plymouth | 120.12 | 112.88 |
| Orinda | 64.94 | 43.60 |
| Oroville | 15.00 | 69.00 |
| Pacific Grove | 84.50 | 64.00 |
| Palo Alto | 157.10 | 131.50 |
| Paradise | 58.50 | 42.10 |
| Penngrove | 11.71 | ..... |
| Petaluma | 118.00 | 65.00 |
| Pittsburg | 52.31 | 43.34 |
| Port Chicago | 7.88 | ..... |
| Porterville | 67.70 | 51.30 |
| Redwood City | 38.00 | 22.20 |
| Rio Vista | 72.00 | 70.53 |
| Ripon | 83.02 | 77.37 |
| Sacramento, Pioneer | 71.00 | 76.50 |
| San Carlos | 30.00 | 42.56 |
| Salida | 25.00 | 16.45 |
| San Francisco, Calvary | 5.00 | 43.50 |
| First | 203.75 | 269.19 |
| Grace United | 32.25 | 25.70 |
| Ocean View | 7.68 | 13.00 |
| San Jose | 135.00 | 212.00 |
| San Leandro | 81.00 | 100.00 |
| San Mateo | 106.00 | 125.00 |
| Santa Cruz | 128.76 | 139.39 |
| Santa Rosa | 55.59 | 19.35 |
| Saratoga | 53.10 | 98.50 |
| Sebastopol | 46.46 | 50.83 |
| Sonoma | 20.00 | 25.00 |
| Stockton | 60.20 | 65.00 |
| Tulare | 35.00 | 47.00 |
| Weaverville | 30.00 | 31.00 |
| Woodside | 21.00 | 37.00 |
| Totals | $3,853.99 | $3,790.16 |

### REV. GRANT L. SHAEFFER

Rev. Grant L. Shaeffer passed away at his home in Santa Cruz on Jan. 13 after an illness of several years. In California he was known as the very beloved former pastor of our church in Auburn, which he served for thirteen years before his retirement in 1928. He was born in Pennsylvania Oct. 24, '63. He was a graduate of Lebanon Valley College, of Union Biblical Seminary, and of Yale Divinity School. For a time he served with the United Brethren Church, but the rest of his life, beginning in 1897, he was pastor of Congregational churches in Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, and California. At one time he served as superintendent of schools in Orleans, Vermont. His wife, whom he married in 1893, survives him. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. S. Mahood, and there was a brief memorial service the Sunday following in the Santa Cruz church. In Auburn he was held in very high esteem, not only by the church, but the business community. He was a good mixer, but a man who never lowered the high standards of the Christian ministry.

### REV. RICHARD PAUL UHLMANN

Rev. Richard Paul Uhlmann, who had been in a Fresno Hospital for several weeks, passed away on the morning of December 27 last. He was born in Ruthefort, Germany, March 23, 1893, and ha dhis education in the fatherland. In 1921 he was married to Hannah Margaret Reimann, and they came to the United States in 1921. For a time he served churches in North Dakota, and then studied in the State University, receiving his bachelor's and master's degrees. He then went to Grand Island, Nebraska, for his next field of service, at the same time continuing study toward his doctor's degree. In 1940 he came to the Salem Church at Sanger in this Conference, which he served for four years. He resigned in 1945 to engage in the nursery business, but illness soon overtook him. Formal services were held in the Free Cross Church of Fresno, December 31. Rev. B. H. Kissler was in charge, and was assisted by practically all of the ministers of our German-speaking churches.

### BACK TO THE CHAPLAINCY

Word has just come that Rev. L. Verdette Walters has been recalled to active duty as a chaplain in the Army. He has been assigned to the 410th Engineering Construction Battalion at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Mr. Walters has been supplying our church at Cloverdale for the time being. The best wishes of his many friends will go with him to this important new post.


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# MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SANTA ROSA. On February 4 an clesiastical council met at the call of church and examined the minister, George Russell Tolson. His paper de a profound impression upon the nisters and delegates assembled, and vote to proceed with the ordination s unanimous and cordial. Rev. Herbert Gans of Petaluma was the moderator; ocation was offered by Rev. William Youngman, a member of the church. e Scriptures were read by Rev. James Senter of Sebastopol, and the sermon s preached by Superintendent Harley Gill. Rev. Elmo Wolfe of Benicia of- ed the ordination prayer. The charge the church was given by Rev. C. C. amplin, and the right hand of fellow- ip by Rev. Joseph H. Bennett. A most ppy feature of the program was the esence of the candidate's father, Pro- ssor Emeritus George T. Tolson of Pa- fic School of Religion, who gave the arge to the candidate. The Children's d Youth Choir furnished music. A mber of beautiful gifts were presented Mr. Tolson by organizations of his urch. One of the largest congregations at had assembled in the church for years as present.

FRESNO, ZION. Rev. John N. Sauer, fter fifteen years as pastor, has resigned take effect in the near future. During is leadership the heavy debt on the roperty has been paid in full and an rgan installed. The church has grown numbers and strength. His plans have ot definitely been announced, but he is onsidering a parish in the northwest. Mr. nd Mrs. Sauer have made a host of riends not only in their own parish but n many other churches.

LOOMIS. The church board has been eorganized, with seven young adults now erving. Resignations, death, and illness f some of the oldtime faithful people reated the vacancies. Twenty-nine new embers were added to the church dur- ng the year. Pilgrim Fellowship made ubstantial pledges to their projects. Rev. J. H. Bennett, the pastor, attended the ordination of Rev. George R. Tolson of Santa Rosa.

ANTIOCH. New pews have been or- dered and the money is in hand for the same. The church building foundation has been strengthened, a more optimistic spirit prevails, church attendance has in- creased. Rev. Stanley Marple is the min- ister.

COTATI. Mr. Walter J. Vernon, who has served the church for three months, has been called until January 1948. All departments are progressing and attend- ance has increased.

## GORDON FOSTER TO RETURN

Many California ministers and lay peo- ple will be delighted to learn that Rev. Gordon Foster is to return to a pastorate in this area after spending a year of graduate study at Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary. He was formerly pastor of our church at Santa Rosa. On May 1st he will become pastor of the Mill Valley Community Church and will thus again be active in our fel- lowship.

## "ENVELOPE SERIES" AVAILABLE

Some extra copies are available of the International Seminary number of the Envelope Series, edited by Miss Ruth Seabury. This issue tells a very interest- ing story of the activites and thought of the members of the seminar of a year ago. Copies may be ordered from the Conference office at 10c each.

RENO. Youth Sunday was observed January 26, with eight young people of the High School and University groups very capably conducting the entire service up to the sermon, which was presented by the pastor, Rev. Arthur L. Rice. Con- scious of the great un-met need in the student field (the University of Nevada enrollment being over 1700) the church, in cooperation with national educational leadership in both Presbyterian and Con- gregational groups, is hoping to secure a director of religious education who shall supervise the church's educational pro- gram and carry on an active ministry to University students. In connection with this project Field Secretary W. W. Meyer was a recent visitor, preaching in the church and conferring with leaders.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. The Wah Mei Club continues its very helpful activity, and recently contributed $550 toward the new building fund. Members of the church and the pastor, Dr. Hoh Yam-tong, are very active in the Berkeley China Re- lief drive. Seven new members were received during January, bringing the total to fifty-seven. Enrollment in Sunday School has increased and there is a very encouraging average attendance at the young people's meetings.

RIPON. This church has called as pastor, Rev. I. Morse Dryer. Mr. Dryer was pastor of the Ripon Church many years ago, and then later of our Pacific Grove Church. For the past seventeen years he has been affiliated with the Bap- tist denomination, and quite recently very active in promoting the use of audio and visual aids in the Religious Education Program of Churches and Sunday Schools. Rev. A. C. Hacke, former pastor, con- tinues to make his home in Ripon.

KENWOOD. One hundred people sat down to dinner at the annual meeting, a larger number than ever before in the history of the church. Creditable progress has been made during the five months since the arrival of the new pastor, Rev. H. J. Loken. Substantial surpluses were in the treasuries of the different depart- ments. A new men's club promises to be a great addition.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. New hymn books have been purchased and are in use and have resulted in the improve- ment of the music. Mr. Leland Mahood, pastor, will have classes in training for membership for both young people and adults.

EUREKA. A new communion service, a memorial, was dedicated on January 26. New members were received and the com- munion service was first used on Feb- ruary 7. Superintendent Harley H. Gill is to visit the church on February 16. Rev. Emerson W. Harris is pastor.

## WORD FROM THE WHITAKERS

A very interesting letter has arrived from Rev. and Mrs. Robert B. Whitaker, telling of their long journey after leaving San Francisco on the Marine Lynx. Their present address is American Board Mis- sion, 21 Tung Ssu Ching Lu, Hopei, Tien- tsin, China. They reported that $38 American money brought 150,000 dollars in Chinese, but it all had to be paid out for the repair of the kitchen stove. Leav- ing out of account the difference in ex- change value, prices are much higher in China than in the United States. They are impressed with the courage and bravery of their Chinese friends, and report a very hearty welcome as they return to take up their work. Their daughter, Frances, is living at the College of Chi- nese Studies in Peiping.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Rev. J. B. Orr, who has been pastor of this church for thirteen years, was stricken with se- rious illness the evening of January 11. At last accounts he was greatly improved, but he and Mrs. Orr have come to the conclusion that the time has come to give up the active pastorate. Rev. Tom Watt is temporarily supplying the church, and a search has begun for a new minister. Mr. Orr has not only been pastor of the Fruitvale church, but in many ways of the entire Eastern section of the City of Oakland. He is known and beloved by many thousands of people who think of him as their very own pastor. Substantial growth has been made by the church in the period during which he has served.

BERKELEY, NORTH. The annual meeting was held on January 15 follow- ing a family night dinner. Report was read by the chairman of each department, committee, and social group, and all showed a successful year of activity. The budget which had been increased by $343 was over-subscribed. Bonds for the build- ing fund were presented by the Women's Auxiliary, and there were bequests total- ing $1500 reported by the treasurer, Mr. Kenneth Kinney. Rev. Eugene V. Haynes is the pastor.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. The new ed- ucational unit for the Angels Camp church is to be erected before Easter. The men at the Murphys church have organized a board of deacons and are planning for an every-member canvass. There is an increased attendance at church and Sun- day School. A hobby shop for boys and girls will be located in the basement of the youth center near the home of the pastor, Rev. Lawrence D. Granger.

GUERNEVILLE. Rev. Henry Hayden has closed his work and gone to New Mexico. A hundred fifty people attended the farewell reception. Handsome gifts were presented by many different organi- zations of the church and the community. The Church School is at an all time high enrollment. Mr. Raymond Woodruff has been supplying the last few Sundays.

BENICIA. This church with its greatly enlarged budget came through the year without a deficit. A substantial cash Christmas gift was made to Rev. and Mrs. Elmo Wolfe. The church has gone on rec- ord as endorsing the movement to eradi- cate and keep vice and gambling condi- tions out of the community.

FRESNO, JAPANESE. A new lot was purchased and the cement slab to serve as floor and foundation has been poured. Probably before The Pacific reaches its readers the Army chapel will have been moved to the site. Rev. George Aki is pastor.

HAYWARD. Rev. Richard Norberg will have training classes for church mem- bership for both high school and junior high groups. During 1946 there was a net gain in membership of 65. The 1947 budget will be $8000, an increase over the previous year of one-third.

FERNDALE. More than $700 has been spent on improvements, which does not include a great deal of donated labor. This church continues in the top bracket of the churches of the Conference in per capita benevolence giving. Rev. C. H. Hudson is pastor.

ALTURAS. New hymnbooks have been purchased and dedicated. Rev. and Mrs. William Moll Case have entertained young adults of the parish for dinner.

ALAMEDA. The men of the church got together for a corned beef and cab- bage dinner on January 28. Rev. Ralph V. Conard, the pastor, will preach a series of sermons during Lent on "It makes a difference what you believe: about God; about Jesus; about man; about the Church; about Immortality." Mr. George T. Morris, 84 years old, passed away on Monday, February 3. He was the last charter member of this church. His father, Rev. George Morris, was the first minister of this church. Mr. Morris had been very active as a layman holding various of- fices and was an honorary deacon at the time of his death.

CEDARVILLE. The Sunday School has a full staff and a good program. The Junior Fellowship has increased in strength and is leading a campaign to install recreation equipment in the social hall. The Ladies' Aid has put in a new hotwater heater and are planning the renovation of kitchen and parsonage. The sanctuary has been repainted and a lovely maroon curtain, 12 feet high, has been placed clear across the front wall. A complete altar set has been ordered and an altar is being built. The pastor, Rev. Clarence Stoker, is also finding a fine response at Eagleville.

OAKLAND, FIRST. The largest at- tendance in many years for an annual dinner and meeting heard the splendid reports on Sunday, Jan. 26, following the morning service. Forty-one new stained glass windows were given in the past year, completing the installation of all windows in sanctuary and narthex. One hundred eleven new members have united during the year. It was the four- teenth annual meeting with Rev. Clarence F. Reidenbach as pastor.

CROCKETT. All departments of the church gave encouraging reports at the annual meeting. New by-laws, to bring more effective unity, are being drawn by a committee appointed for the purpose. An every member canvass is being launch- ed to strengthen the financial structure and to give a substantial increase to the salary of Rev. C. V. Carlson, the pastor.

LODI, FIRST. As a result of Home Visitation Evangelism calls there were twenty first decisions and fifteen letters of transfer. Pastor's classes for three different age groups are being conducted by Rev. A. R. Boone. Plans for the 75th anniversary are being made. During the past year this church contributed for reg- ular and special benevolences $11,360.00.

FAIRFAX. There are now 111 en- rolled in the Sunday School, which has ten classes and twelve teachers. A beau- tiful new heating unit for the church au- ditorium has been installed. The names of inactive people have been eliminated from the membership roll. Mr. Frank K. McDowell is pastor.

ORINDA. Regular Sunday School at- tendance is at an all time high, averaging 130 during January. Six members were received into full membership. The church has voted to exchange its lot for one of approximately equal size, higher and more commanding, and with near-by parking area. Rev. Fred B. Morrow is pastor.

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# WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

Next meeting, Thursday, February 20, First Church, Oakland, usual time.

## Annual Meeting Report

In spite of a heavy rain—or, perhaps, in gratitude for it—about 250 women gathered on the last Thursday of January at Grace United Church of the Mission in San Francisco, for the twenty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California. The auditorium was well-filled, and the ladies of the church gave us a very fine luncheon. Mrs. Harley H. Gill, Program Chairman, had seen to it, also, that we had an excellent program.

The reports of the various Secretaries and Chairmen were full of interest. The report of Mrs. Chester Marliave, Speakers' Bureau Chairman, contained so much of value for those who may wish to get an outside speaker, that it seems wise to give it in some detail, even if this means allotting to it a disproportionate amount of space. After speaking of the fine response from the Federation personnel to calls for such help, Mrs. Marliave stated that they would be equally gracious this coming year. She then gave a list of outside speakers available through the Speakers' Bureau. Mrs. Anna Saylor, former Assembly Woman from Berkeley, is prepared to give a talk on Atomic Energy, using a chart arranged with the help of fifteen outstanding scientists, including such names as Einstein, Milliken and Lawrence. Mrs. Saylor must be assured of an audience of fifty; she has been speaking to audiences of 200 or more. Mrs. Olivia Price, who is writing a book on Mexico, will speak on "The Friendly Mexican." Mrs. A. I. Townsley, who has a missionary son in Africa and another in India and who has, therefore, the most up-to-date information on conditions in these countries, will speak on either. Mr. Ho, principal of a large school in China, and in this country for a brief stay, will speak on "China's Struggle to Become a Modern Nation." There are several other interesting speakers on both India and China and two on Korea. Our own Miss Edith Parsons will tell us about Turkey from her years of experience there. One point Mrs. Marliave stressed: If you write to the Bureau Secretary for a speaker and she promises you one, DO NOT CHANGE YOUR MIND without immediately notifying her, so that she may cancel any arrangement made for you with a busy man or woman.

Mrs. Floyd Brown, President of Central Association, said of her women that the outstanding fact in their reports was the giving of service, and as we listened to one Association after another, it was evident that this was true of all. It is impossible to do more than touch on each. Mrs. Brown said that the goal most difficult of attainment seemed to be securing the participation of every member in some activity. Only as we share in the work does our interest increase. Sacramento Association, Mrs. David H. Gill, President, and Redwood Empire, Mrs. S. S. Focht, President, are our two largest Associations in point of area, and both leaders felt the difficulty inherent in the distances separating the churches from each other and from the center of meetings in Oakland. Mrs. Focht urged visits from the State officers. Santa Clara Association, Mrs. C. L. Jackson, President, had also felt the need of closer cooperation among the churches, and last year decided to do something about it. So twice a year the women get out a bulletin containing news of all the churches and circulate it through the Association. Sacramento Association, by the way, has both the youngest of our churches, and also the only one outside the state: Sierra Arden and Reno. Mrs. Gill reported for these that they are cooperating in every department of the Federation. The activities of the San Joaquin Association women, as Mrs. S. B. Janjigian, President, detailed them, bespoke most devoted work. In nearly every case the societies seem to have increased in number and interest. Almost all had had special observance of the World Day of Prayer. The Bay Association is the smallest in area and the most compact of our groups, with a membership of approximately 2250. Last August Mrs. J. E. Enman, President, with Mrs. J. H. Price and Mrs. C. A. Stanley, met in a Japanese home and organized a Women's Group. Because the women are most of them working through the week, their meetings are held on Sunday afternoons. Mrs. Enman felt that the greatest need in our societies was for a deeper spiritual life, and spoke of the outstanding service that has been rendered in the First Church of Oakland by Mrs. F. Howard Seely, for ten years Devotional Life Chairman, who has provided for an hour of devotional thought before the monthly Circle meetings. The last Association to report was Upper Bay, Mrs. Donald Gaylord, President. I quote one part of her report in full: "The women of Port Chicago" (you remember the destruction that befell that church and community two years ago) "have sometimes been discouraged by their small number and yet they have contributed this amazing list: a piano for their social hall at $60; a water-heater for the church kitchen at $50; a stove for the same at $145; new linoleum for the parsonage at $35; they also plan to pay $150 for church insurance. Furthermore, this group also tithes its earnings, giving 10 per cent to church benevolences"—i.e., to others than themselves!

The morning session closed with an interesting talk by our new President, Mrs. E. B. Kientz, telling of her trip to the Midwinter Conference at Cleveland. Among other experiences was her visit to Schauffler College, dear to the hearts of many of us. It is well and attractively housed, and opens this year with a larger attendance than ever and with a new President, Dr. George Michaelides, whom some of us heard when he was on this coast recently. Mrs. Kientz rather startled us by saying that there had been a net loss of 1157 in Congregational Churches during the last twenty-five years; also that our giving averages about a penny a day per member throughout the country. She laid on our hearts three matters we should never forget: The Need—The Opportunity—The Urgency.

Of the valuable reports of the Departmental Secretaries and the fine addresses of our guests, Mrs. A. Hooft Graafland and Captain G. S. Perkins, as well as of Mrs. J. A. Olmsted's sympathetic tribute to a former president, Mrs. Frank J. Greene, there is, unfortunately, no opportunity to speak. The list of the new officers and secretaries who were elected and installed at the morning session, are given in another place. The theme of our Annual Meeting was "Open Doors." We have gone through those doors, now, into a new year. May it be a good one!

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"We are going to have to trust one another internationally even though none of us deserves to be trusted."—Kirby Page

### NEW OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR ASSOCIATION

A very tentative schedule of Spring Associations, which is subject to change, has been sent out by the Conference office and is as follows:

Thursday, April 24—Redwood Empire, Petaluma.
Friday, April 25—Upper Bay (place to be determined).
Tuesday, April 29—Bay Association.
Thursday, May 1—Sacramento Valley, Oroville.
Monday, May 5—Central, Salida.
Tuesday, May 6—Santa Clara, Santa Cruz.
Thursday, May 8—San Joaquin, Tulare.

### JUDITH O'NEIL SENTER

Judith O'Neil on January 3 came to take her place as the youngest of five daughters in the home of Rev. and Mrs. James P. Senter of Sebastopol. What a merry household that is going to be in the days to come, with five daughters whose range of ages is within ten years!

### WILLIAM EDGAR GREGORY, JR.

William Edgar Gregory, Jr., arrived on January 7 to gladden the hearts of his parents, who had been eagerly awaiting their first born. Mr. Gregory, Sr., is survey and research director for the Comity Commission of the Northern California Council of Churches. Their home is in Corte Madera.

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